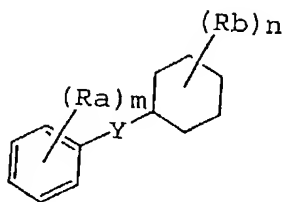


**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

A cellulose ester film comprising particles in an amount of from 0.0001 to 0.3% by weight and a compound represented by the following formula (1) in an amount of 1 to 30% by weight

formula (1)



wherein Y represents an ester bond or  $-R^1C(=O)O-$ ,  $-C(=O)OR^2-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-R^3-OC(=O)-$  or  $-OC(=O)-R^4-C(=O)O-$ , in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, or  $-(R^5O)_pR^5-$ , in which  $R^5$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, and p is an integer of from 1 to 3; Ra and Rb independently represent an alkyl group,  $RcC(=O)O-$  or  $-C(=O)ORc$  in which Rc represents a substituted or

unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl group; and m and n independently represent an integer of from 0 to 5, provided that when m or n is not less than 2, plural Ras or Rbs may be the same or different; and wherein the cellulose ester film has a thickness of from 10 to 60  $\mu\text{m}$ , a moisture vapor transmittance of from 20 to 200  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2 \cdot 24 \text{ hr}$ , and a rate of weight change falling within the range of  $\pm 2\%$  in which the rate is represented by the ratio of the difference between the film weights before and after storage at  $80^\circ \text{C}$  and 90% RH for 48 hours to the film weight before the storage.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (Previously Presented)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the unsubstituted alkylene group represented by  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$  or  $\text{R}^5$  represents methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, propylene, tetramethylene, butylenes, pentamethylene or pentylene, and the substituted alkylene group represented by  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$  or  $\text{R}^5$  represents methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, propylene, tetramethylene, butylenes, pentamethylene or pentylene, each having methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, n-,

iso-, or tert-butyl, acetoxy, phenylcarbonyloxy, cyclohexylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonyloxymethyl or cyclohexylcarbonyloxymethyl as a substituent.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the substituent represented by Ra or Rb is  $RcC(=O)O-$  or  $-C(=O)ORc$  in which Rc represents a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl group, and m represents an integer of from 1 to 5, provided that when m is not less than 2, plural Ras may be the same or different.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the substituent represented by Ra or Rb is  $RcC(=O)O-$  or  $-C(=O)ORc$  in which Rc represents a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl group, and n represents an integer of from 1 to 5, provided that when n is not less than 2, plural Rbs may be the same or different.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein Ra is  $RcC(=O)O-$  or  $-C(=O)ORc$  in which Rc represents a substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl group, and m represents an integer of from 1 to 5, provided that when m is not less than 2, plural Ras may be the same or different.

Claim 7 (original)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the cellulose ester film comprises a UV absorbent having a distribution coefficient of not less than 8.5.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the particles are silicon oxide particles.

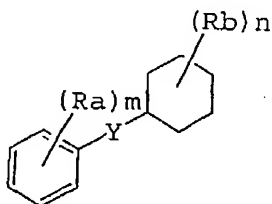
Claim 9 (Original)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the cellulose ester film comprises a cellulose ester having a total acyl substitution degree of from 2.55 to 2.85.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended and Withdrawn)

A method of manufacturing a cellulose ester film according to a solution cast film manufacturing process, the method comprising the steps of casting on a support a cellulose ester solution comprising a compound represented by formula (1) ~~above~~ to form a web on the support, drying the web for 30 to 90 seconds on the support, peeling the web from the support, and further drying the peeled web, wherein said cellulose ester film comprising particles in an amount of from 0.0001 to 0.3% by weight and said compound represented by the following formula (1) in an amount of 1 to 30% by weight  
formula (1)



wherein Y represents an ester bond or  $-R^1C(=O)O-$ ,  $-C(=O)OR^2-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-R^3-OC(=O)-$  or  $-OC(=O)-R^4-C(=O)O-$ , in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, or  $-(R^5O)_pR^5-$ , in which  $R^5$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, and p is an integer of from 1 to 3;  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  independently represent an alkyl group,  $R_cC(=O)O-$  or  $-C(=O)OR_c$  in which  $R_c$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl group; and m and n independently represent an integer of from 0 to 5, provided that when m or n is not less than 2, plural  $R_a$ s or  $R_b$ s may be the same or different; and wherein the cellulose ester film has a thickness of from 10 to 60  $\mu m$ , a moisture vapor transmittance of from 20 to 200  $g/m^2 \cdot 24$  hr, and a rate of weight change falling within the range of  $\pm 2\%$  in which the rate is represented by the ratio of the difference between the film weights before and after storage at 80° C and 90% RH for 48 hours to the film weight before the storage.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Withdrawn)

The method of claim 11, wherein the cellulose ester film comprises a UV absorbent having a distribution coefficient of not less than 8.5

Claim 15 (Currently Amended and Withdrawn)

The method of claim 11, wherein the ~~cellulose ester~~ film comprises particles are silicon oxide particles.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn)

The method of claim 11, wherein the cellulose ester film comprises a cellulose ester having a total acyl substitution degree of from 2.55 to 2.85.

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 11, wherein the cellulose ester solution contains methyl acetate.

Claim 19 (Original)

A polarizing plate comprising the cellulose ester film of claim 1.

Claim 20 (Original)

A liquid crystal display employing the polarizing plate of claim 19.

Claim 21 (New)

The cellulose ester film of claim 1, wherein the particles have an average secondary particle size of 0.1 to 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .